

a.m., on Thursday, December 24, 2009, with the time until 7 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; and Senate vote on passage of the bill at 7 a.m., as provided for under the previous order. **Page S13887**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intention to designate the Republic of Maldives as a beneficiary developing country and to terminate the designations of Croatia and Equatorial New Guinea as beneficiary developing programs under the Generalized System of Preferences program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM-39) **Page S13881**

McGee Nomination—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Timothy McGee, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. **Page S13887**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Daniel J. Becker, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

James R. Hannah, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Gayle A. Nachtigal, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

John B. Nalbandian, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

André Birotte, Jr., of California, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California for the term of four years.

David A. Capp, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Richard S. Hartunian, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York for the term of four years.

William Joseph Hochul, Jr., of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

Ronald C. Machen, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

Anne M. Tompkins, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Noel Culver March, of Maine, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

George White, of Mississippi, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Beatrice A. Hanson, of New York, to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime. **Page S13888**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Suede G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2014, which was sent to the Senate on July 28, 2009. **Page S13888**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—395) **Pages S13830-34**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m. and adjourned at 8:15 p.m., until 6:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13887.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary, Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, and Mary John Miller, of Maryland, both to be Assistant Secretary, and Charles Collyns, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, all of the Department of the Treasury, Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United

States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jim R. Esquea, of New York, and Ellen

Gloninger Murray, of Virginia, both to be Assistant Secretary, and Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: There were no public bills or resolutions introduced today.

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Moran (VA) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H15511**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Gene Hemrick, Washington Theological Union, Washington, DC. **Page H15511**

Membership of Standing Committees: Read a letter from Representative Larson (CT), Chairman, Democratic Caucus wherein he informed the Speaker that Representative Parker Griffith is no longer a member of the Democratic Caucus. Subsequently, read letters from the Speaker wherein she advised Chairman Oberstar, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Chairwoman Velázquez, Committee on Small Business, and Chairman Gordon, Committee on Science and Technology that Representative Parker Griffith's election to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Small Business, and Science and Technology have been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X, effective today. **Page H15512**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and at 12:04 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 10

a.m. on Saturday, December 26, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 223, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1511)

S. 1422, to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews. Signed on December 21, 2009. (Public Law 111–119)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.